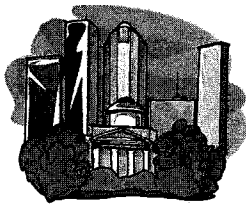


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**HB104 Exempt water rights**

An exempt well is allowed 10 acre\*ft per year (3.25 million gallons per well per year). Lewis and Clark County has built approximately 400 houses this year, which is 1.3 billion gallons a year.

City of Helena Average use is 1.8 billion gallons yearly with a average daily use for a City residence of 175 gallons per day

The amount of water allowed through the exempt water rights for the 400 houses built last year in Lewis and Clark County could supply the City of Helena for 266 days.



City Helena  
Population 32,000  
Yearly Use 1.8 billion gallons

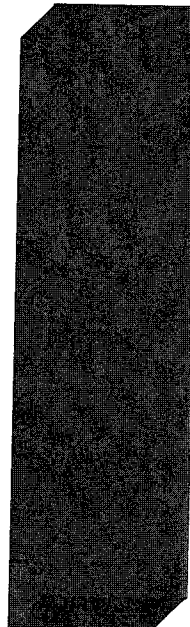


Single Family House on Well and Septic  
10 acre\*ft per year exemption  
Allowed yearly use 3.2 million gallons

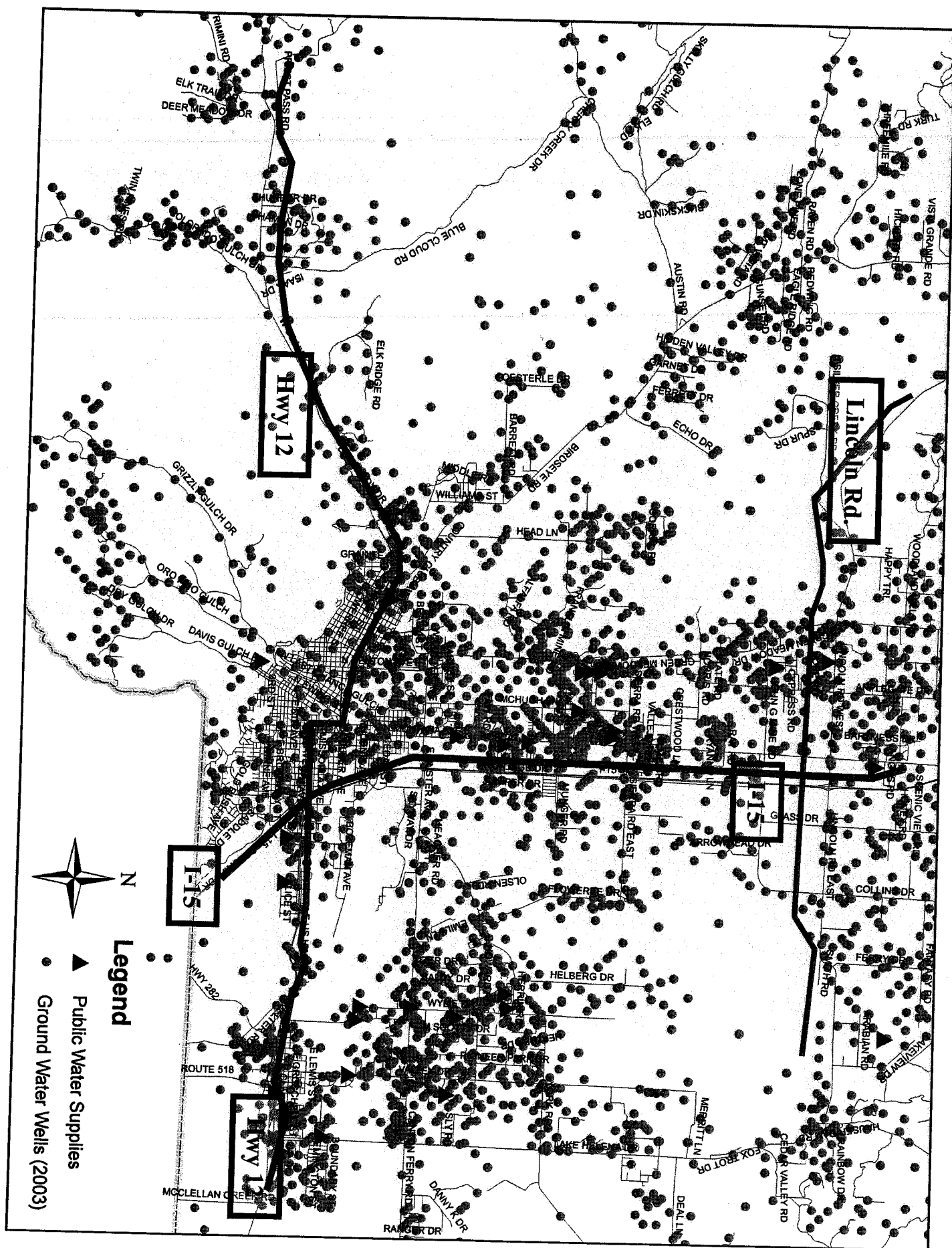
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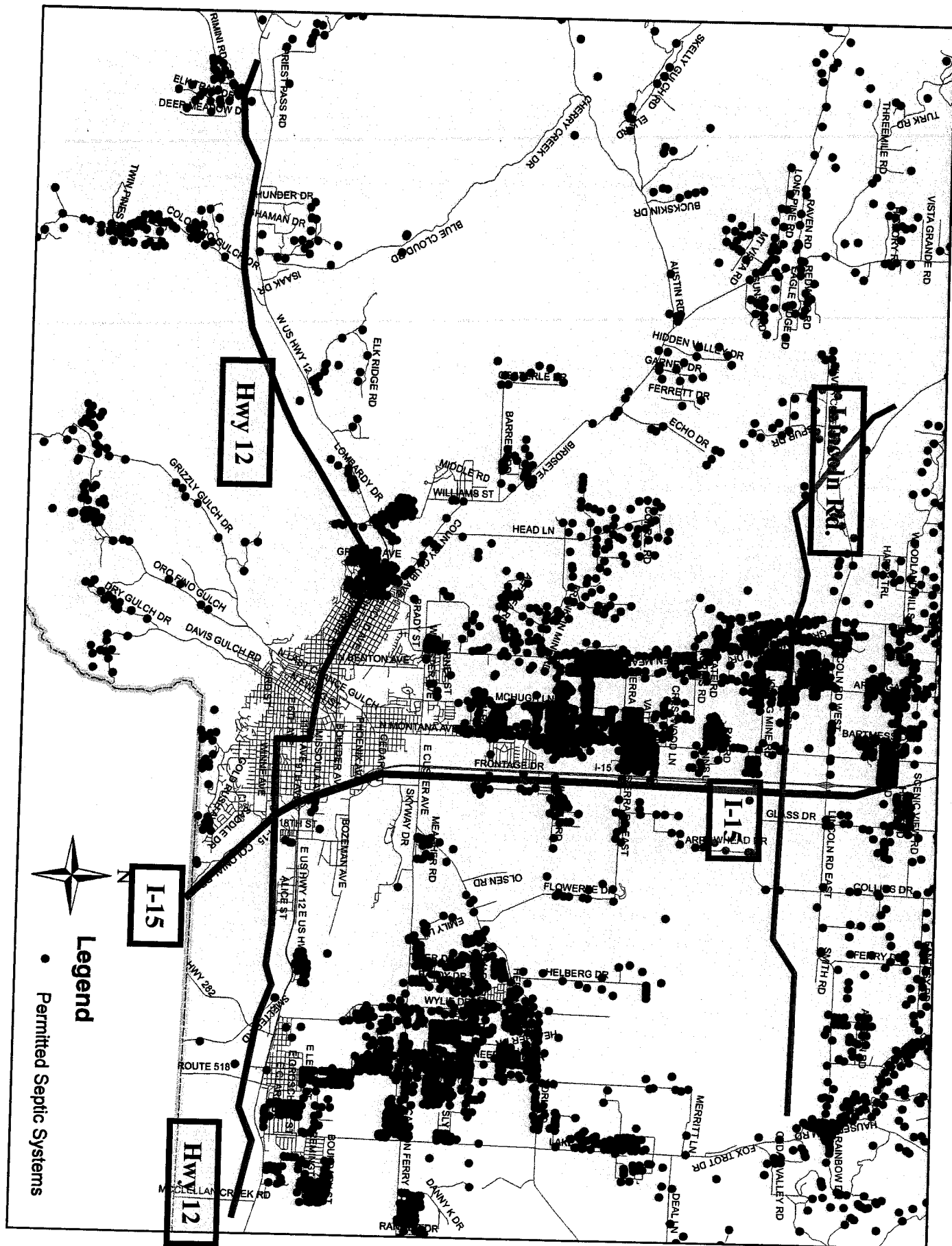


Average Residential Use  
175 gallons per day



Average Single Well use allowed  
8,770 gallons per day





  
**Legend**  
• Permitted Septic Systems